



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[EPA-HQ-SFUND-2000-0003; FRL-9501-1]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan;

National Priorities List: Notice of Intent for Deletion of the Palmer

Barge Line Superfund Site

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is issuing a Notice of Intent to Delete the Palmer Barge Line (PBL) Superfund Site located in Port Arthur, Texas, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comments on this proposed action. The NPL, promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, is an appendix of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The EPA and the State of Texas, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, have determined that all appropriate response actions at these identified parcels under CERCLA, other than operation, maintenance, and Five-Year Reviews, have been completed. However, this deletion does not preclude future actions under Superfund.

DATES: Comments must be received by [insert date 30 days from date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

ADDRESSES:

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-SFUND-2000-0003, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov*: Follow internet on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail*: Rafael Casanova, casanova.rafael@epa.gov.
- *Fax*: 214-665-6660.
- *Mail*: Rafael A. Casanova; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6; Superfund Division (6SF-RA); 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200; Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.
- *Hand delivery*: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6; 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700; Dallas, Texas 75202-2733; Contact: Rafael A. Casanova (214) 665-7437. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

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2. Port Arthur Public Library; 4615 9th Avenue; Port Arthur, Texas 77642-5799;

Hours of operation: Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Sunday, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In the “Rules and Regulations” Section of today’s **Federal Register**, we are publishing a direct final Notice of Deletion for the PBL Superfund Site without prior Notice of Intent for Deletion because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. We have explained our reason for this deletion in the preamble to the direct final Notice of Deletion, and those reasons are incorporated herein. If we receive no adverse comment(s) on this deletion action, we will not take further action on this Notice of Intent for Deletion. If we receive adverse comment(s), we will withdraw the direct final Notice of Deletion and it will not take effect. We will, as appropriate, address all public comments in a subsequent final Notice of Deletion based on this Notice of Intent for Deletion. We will not institute a second comment period on this Notice of Intent for Deletion. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

For additional information, see the direct final Notice of Deletion which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous waste, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923; 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

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Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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